

A METHODIST CONFERENCE EXCITED.

THE QUESTION OF WOMAN'S RIGHTS STIRS UP A STORMY DEBATE.

Philadelphia, March 15.—The question of woman's equality with man was injected into the meeting of the Laymen's Association of the Philadelphia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church this afternoon, and for a time the deliberations of that usually staid body resembled a political convention more than a church meeting.

The discussion arose from the effort annually made for some years to admit women as delegates to the Laymen's Conference. When the meeting was called to order by Dr. John E. James, the president, the credentials of six women were presented as delegates from some Philadelphia churches. The president promptly ruled that under the action of the convention last year women could not be admitted as delegates. This precipitated the stormy discussion which followed. An appeal was taken from the decision of the president, but not sustained. It did not go to a vote, however, the advocates of woman's rights succeeded in having the Committee on Credentials report in favor of seating the six women, but the Conference, nevertheless, refused to admit them.

A resolution giving the right of the floor to the women was carried. The discussion waxed warm on both sides, and the delegations for and against were engaged in a sharp debate. Dr. J. L. Murphy of Boston was particularly worked up about the threatened invasion of the women. He walked up and down the aisle while he was speaking and exuberantly swinging his arms in an effort to impress the audience. "I hope the good Lord will confuse my tongue. The devil is just as potent as ever he was as a master of applied logic," he said. "I hope that he is equally good at a question of rights as men's rights. Woman is just as susceptible to a bribe as a man is, and when they come in it will be difficult for two men to think one."

Mr. Murphy was as warmly replied to by the advocates of the women, and one of them contemptuously referred to his remarks as "warm-enter the women." During a lull in the debate, one woman from Boston rose to speak in defense of the constitution admitting women as delegates was sprung upon the conference and was carried by a vote of 110 to 50, and so in the future women will sit as delegates in the Laymen's Association of the Philadelphia Conference.

SENATOR HILL TAKES POLITICS.

THE NEW-YORK REFORM BILLS SEEM TO HIM "MISCHIEVOUS, DANGEROUS AND DAMNABLE."

—100 VIEWS ON BIMETALLISM.

Albany, March 15.—The Mills Club of this city, an organization composed of local Democratic speakers in political campaigns, gave a dinner at the Fort Orange Club to-night to commemorate the birthday of Andrew Jackson. Senator Hill was the guest of honor, and responded to the toast of the evening.

In the course of his remarks he said:

If the money question is to be the issue of the future, as some of the signs of the times indicate, it is evident that this campaign will be a dead issue. I do not believe that it can be won at once. There ought not to be any mistake or misconception in regard to the true position. The Democratic party does not believe in gold monometalism, nor the one-half standard. We are in the middle of the other, but in bimetallism—the free-mintable coinage (assumption provided for by the Coinage Act of 1873). Extreme silver men, whose loco per se would not permit them to move in another course, no matter how influential they may become in our party councils, should not be permitted to swing us from our safe moorings. It is important to maintain the protective and effectorial—cannot, however, be secured in the twinkling of an eye! It is a business problem, and must be solved according to business principles. Existing conditions must be considered, and the economy will naturally strengthen the revenue of the Government must exceed its expenditures, a reasonable degree of prosperity must prevail, provision must be made for the funding of the national debt, and of vast amounts of greenback currency, amounting to over \$1,000,000,000. These are the conditions precedent, advisable to be provided for; these are the conditions of safety, and the Chicago platform of 1864 is desirable to be enacted before bimetallism can be safely and permanently secured.

Referring to New-York State politics, the speaker said:

The Power of Bimetallic, so-called, recently passed, giving the newly elected Mayor of New-York power to immediately remove the then incumbents of all offices who were appointed by previous Mayors, was one of the most indefensible measures ever proposed, and was adopted for what removals without cause, removals without hearings, removals without cause, removals before expiration of term, turnings of offices, and the like. It is a bad legislation. It will surely turn to plague its inventors. It ignores and discards every principle of Civil Service Reform, and constitutes a clear, undisguised, palpable grade for spoils.

Of the same vicious character is the proposed bill now pending for the removal of the present police justices of New-York City, and including the organization of a new police force. They are a confession of weakness, a confession that all the allegations made against these courts are incapable of proof. The public should know that ample opportunity is given to all officers to prove their innocence. If they are incompetent, unworthy or corrupt, or have been guilty of any misconduct sufficient to justify removal. The rule of thumb is, if you are properly qualified, effect your removal by due process of law, where the officials accused may have a fair and impartial hearing, and instead thereof, resort to the exercise of administrative enactments. The highest evidence of the inefficiency of such enactments is that no adequate ground for removal actually exists, and is conclusive of the mischievous, dangerous and damnable character of the whole procedure.

CHEATING THE SALVATION ARMY.

A SAILOR ACCUSED OF A FRAUD SCHEME TO DEFRAUD BALLINGTON BOOTH.

Otto Tenzelius, a sailor, thirty-seven years old, of No. 55 Clinton-st., was a prisoner in the Adams Street Police Court, Brooklyn, yesterday, accused of passing worthless checks on members of the Salvation Army and other persons. On March 13, he wrote to Ballington Booth, and sent a check for \$50, saying that one-half of the check was to go to promote the work of the Salvation Army, and that, as he was a poor man, he would like to have the other \$50 to provide for his physical comfort. He asked that Commander Booth return \$50 by mail.

He said that he was in command of the yacht Karina, owned by Dr. Salmon, of Bergenfield, and had been arrested in "The Conqueror" for funds for the new hall.

Mr. Booth had heard of a former scheme of the crew, and recognized the check to Police Superintendent McKey, who had a decoy letter prepared and mailed. When Tenzelius called for it Thursday at the general delivery window Detective Sergeant O'Neil arrested him. He was held to await the action of the Grand Jury.

COLONIZING VETERANS IN GEORGIA.

Chicago, March 15.—A dispatch from Indianapolis, Ind., says: "One year ago P. H. Fitzgerald, a wealthy citizen here, started a colonization scheme which had in view providing cheap homes in Georgia for old soldiers. The idea was to buy 300,000 acres of land for the site, and as soon as \$30,000 in shares were sold to start the colony. The scheme and the protection of Governor Northern of Georgia and attracted general interest and support. It was estimated here yesterday that over 14,000 members are now enrolled in the books of the company, which is to be a sort of co-operative organization, which will probably be closed in April 1, after which the company will be incorporated as the Soldiers' Colonization Company. The 14,000 members average \$100 in shares each, so that the total amount of stock which a person is entitled to more than ten shares. Nebraska leads in membership; Indiana is a close second, with 4,000 members. The stock will be bought for \$100 an acre. A sawmill, planing mill and shingle-mill will be sent ahead to prepare house-building material. Already a number of bankers and merchants have applied to particulars of the plan with a view to locating there."

WILL EXPEL FRATERNITY STUDENTS.

Ann Arbor, Mich., March 15.—The School Board today unanimously adopted a rule that the fraternities in the High School must be rooted out. The new rule reads as follows:

Any student who belongs to a secret society or fraternity, or has any connection thereto, after ten days may withdraw from same will be subject to suspension or forfeiture of diploma at graduation, or both.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

ON THE CHAFING-DISH. By Harriet M. Bailey. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Two Volumes. One, \$1.00; the other, \$1.25.

A MODERN PRIESTESS OF ISIS. Abridged and translated on behalf of the Society of Friends. By Walter Leaf. Crown, 267. (Macmillan & Co.)

AS OTHERS SAW HIM. A Retrospect. By Fergus Hume. (New York: United States Book Co.)

SUGGESTION. By Mabel Collins. (New York: United States Book Co.)

HANDBOOK OF THE TURF. By S. L. Bradman. (New York: Orange Judd Co.)

POLY-AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES. Quarto. (Harper & Brothers.)

LIFE AND DREAMS. Poems. By E. L. Elie. (pp. 159, \$1.00. W. Dillingham.)

DOWN AT CANTON. By Walter Lecky. (pp. 265, \$1.00. W. Dillingham.)

THOUGHTS ON RELIGION. By the Late George John Romanes. Edited by Charles Gore. (The Open Court Publishing Co.)

OUT OF THE EAST. By Lafcadio Hearn. 12mo, pp. 211. (Houghton, Mifflin & Co.)

ULTRAMARINE. (Paris.) Usages. Sensations d'Amérique. (Paris: Société d'Éditions Littéraires.)

THE NOVELS OF IVAN TURGENEV. Vol. III.—On the Eve. Translated from the Russian by Constance Garnett. 16mo. (Macmillan.)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE GEOLOGIST OF NEW-JERSEY. 1894. Trenton. The John L. Murphy Publishing Co.

STUDIES IN THEOLOGY. Lectures. By Rev. James Deacon. 8vo. \$1.00. T. C. Armstrong & Co.

THE PLAYS OF SHAKESPEARE FOUNDATION ON LITERARY FORMS. By H. J. Biggs. 8vo. pp. 708. (Doubleday, Mifflin & Co.)

THE GOVERNMENT CLASS BOOK. By Andrew W. Thompson. Thoroughly Revised. 1894. (Maynard, Merrill & Co.)

THE MERMAID. A Love Tale. By L. Dugré. (pp. 100, \$1.00. A. L. Burt Co.)

THE STORY OF THE STARS. By George F. Chambers. 8vo. \$1.00. (A. L. Burt Co.)

A FORGOTTEN DEBT. Translated from the French of Léon de Tissot. By Florence B. Gilman. 12mo. (J. B. Lippekin Co.)

ELEMENTS OF INTELLECTUAL LOGIC. By Noah H. Davis. (pp. 294. Harper & Bros.)

THE SHOT. By John Kendrick Bangs. 16mo. (Harper & Bros.)

THE PRINCESS ALICE. By Richard Harding Davis. Illustrated by G. C. Gibson. 12mo. (Harper & Bros.)

POETICAL WORKS OF THOMAS WALTER SCOTT. BARTON. (pp. 100, \$1.00. Harper & Bros.)

LIFE AND TIMES OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS. As written by himself. New Edition. (pp. 100, \$1.00. Harper & Bros.)

POEMS. Second Edition, and Later Poems of Edward George Farmer. (pp. 100, Thomas Whitaker.)

ON A FAKE CHARGE. By Savard W. Hopkins. 12mo. pp. 240. (Robert Bonner's Sons.)

NEW-YORK DAILY TRIBUNE SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 1895.—FOURTEEN PAGES.

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